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WILL KEEP EUROPE OUT OF MEXICO

CRISIS IN MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—Developments of a few hours today in the relations between the United States and Mexico emphasize a gravity of affairs more ominous than at any time since President Wilson's administration began. Absolute silence was the order in official quarters.

The release of the Ward liner Moro Castle, at Vera Cruz, after peremptory demands by the United States, terminated a delicate situation. Orders were in preparation to the commanders of the American warships lying off Vera Cruz to release.

May Send Ultimatum to Europe.

A statement was in preparation today by Secretary Bryan and Counselor John Bassett Moore, which Secretary Bryan brought to the white house for the president's approval. No intimation as to its contents was revealed, but there was every reason to believe that before many hours and passed a notice by the United States that it will not brook European interference in Mexico by the warships dispatched to Mexican waters by the various foreign governments would be proclaimed.

Recognize Only Constitutional Law.

It is understood also that the United States, by that same statement, will reiterate the American policy that only law founded on constitutional law and order will be recognized on the Mexican side.

Wilson May Cancel Trip.

The situation has assumed such aspects that it was considered possible that President Wilson might cancel at the last moment his trip to Mobile, Ala. He had planned to leave early tomorrow and be gone until Tuesday night. There was doubt in the president's mind today whether he could afford to leave Washington at this time.

HOME LECTURE COURSE.

The first number will be given the night of Nov. 10th. Prof. J. E. Mundell of the U. S. Experiment farm will give a lecture on "Concrete Facts of Dry Farming" and the lecture will be illustrated with very excellent plain and colored stereopticon views. This will be the first of a series of six lectures to be given during the winter. Course tickets are being offered for the six lectures including reserved seats for one dollar, or a saving of \$1.15 over the price of admittance for the course with out season ticket. General admission to each lecture will be 25c and reserved seats 35c. Those holding course tickets may have seats reserved without extra cost at Elks Drug Store the day of the lecture. The proceeds above expenses of these lectures will go to two very useful funds of the Chamber of Commerce. The establishing of a "Downtown Reading Room"—the forerunner of a Y. M. C. A.—and the other fund is for the purpose of buying a mammoth tent which will serve during next spring as the official headquarters for the bi-monthly Trades Days, also for the 4th of July program, and conventions, and for the annual county fair next fall.

In addition to a lecture course a home talent minstrel will be given near the Christmas holidays and a play will be given in the spring.

The Chamber of Commerce is placing course lecture tickets in the hands of committees from clubs, churches, societies and lodges and allowing 25 per cent for their respective funds on the sale of all tickets. As the "Downtown Reading Room" proposition is one that should have the aid of the federated clubs and all associations for the betterment of Tucumcari local associations should aid in the success of the movement. It is hoped that 500 tickets may be sold. The idea in addition to raising funds for a good purpose is to give good wholesome entertainment of an educational nature. All the lectures will be illustrated thus avoiding a tedious effect and each lecturer will plan his number to give a witty, interesting, educational and thoroughly entertaining presentation of his subject. The travel lecturer will have plenty of stories and amusing incidents.

The first number to follow Prof. J. E. Mundell will be a travel lecture by Wyatt who has made a tour of the world, was a war correspondent in Russia during the revolution, in China during the American boycott, in Jalo during General Wood's first campaign and the only correspondent there during the downfall of the dynasty of Manchu, Sun-

tan of Shun! Mr. Wyatt gave travel lectures upon his return to the United States appearing in many large cities, and as a Chautauque number with several colleges. His first lecture will be "Touring Old World Countries," illustrated with hand-colored stereopticon slides and moving pictures of travel. This lecture will cover the Levant including the Caucasus, which is so seldom visited, ports in China and Japan, will be shown, also views in Egypt, the Holy Land and throughout Europe.

The third number will be given by Mr. C. H. Meeker who has also made a tour of the world. Mr. Meeker is editor of the Sun and a member of the local board of Education. Mr. Meeker's lecture will be "The Philippines, illustrated with stereopticon views and moving pictures of Philippine life." Mr. Meeker's valuable experience in the school life of the Philippines will make his number of especial interest to school people. Many teachers from the country should arrange to hear this number. The date will be Jan. 6, 1914.

The fourth number will be one by H. Wyatt on "Seeing America," illustrated with stereopticon views and moving pictures of American life. Our own gorgeous western scenery will be shown and every person hearing this lecture will be doubly proud of our own country. This lecture will be given Jan. 27.

The lecturer for the fifth number has not yet been selected. "New Mexico" may be the subject selected and a very prominent state official may give that number. The date is Feb. 24, 1914.

The last lecture will be given by Prof. J. E. Mundell on March 10. An illustrated lecture on "Utilization of Native Shrubs." This is a practical lecture and will be greatly enjoyed.

The season tickets will be offered for sale by solicitors next week. Secure all the tickets you need for there is a considerable saving and part of the funds goes to your church, lodge or society. Solicitors wanted. Phone 22.

It is hoped that these lectures will cultivate a get-together spirit here and make us realize that we can accomplish much for Tucumcari if we work together.

BIG TENT SHOW COMING.

Burk's Big "Uncle Tom's Cabin Co." Will Exhibit at Tucumcari, Mon., Oct. 27.

This is the first time that the public have had an opportunity of seeing the "New Version" of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in the greatest dramatization of this popular play ever written. Mrs. Stowe's historical play has ever been a favorite with the women and children, and they always go to see it whenever an opportunity presents itself. Burk's Big "Uncle Tom's Cabin Co." has the distinction of being the largest organization of its kind on the road, they carry a special train of their own cars to transport their People, Horses, Ponies, Donkeys, Dogs, Chariots, and other paraphernalia necessary to present the only Grand Spectacular Production of this, the most successful drama ever written. The characters of Uncle Tom, Eliza, Little Eva and Marks are all ably presented by a competent cast, and the large contingent of singers and dancers, blood hounds, etc., give a realistic and sensational naturalism to the performance. The scenic and mechanical effects are good, and the picturesque transformation scene forms a fitting finish to the whole. So carry the news and tell your neighbors. The only Big Show Coming will exhibit at Tucumcari, Monday night Oct. 27.

A good company, the Broadway Players, now playing at the opera house are doing a good business and without doubt it is the best stock company that ever appeared in our city.

The class of plays given are excellent in every respect. The gowns worn by the ladies are the handsomest ever shown here and the special scenery is a big feature. Margaret Hagen the leading lady is charming, and Fannie Hammond the comedienne has made a big hit with the patrons. Alfred Campbell, Leroy Grimes, Charles Ohlmeier, Phil Davis and Max MacDonald give strong support. The Broadway Players are sure of bigger business should they return next season.

Saturday night a sensational novelty comedy will be played and a good Sunday night bill. A diamond ring will be given away.

LOST.

From my place, a fox terrier dog, white, two black spots on back, tail clipped. Liberal reward.

GENE SMYER,

Phone 144 M.

EXPLOSION IN DAWSON MINE 284 MEN ENTOMBED

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 23.—Twenty-two men have been rescued alive, six bodies recovered while dozens of others are in sight in the workings of mine No. 2 of the Stag Canyon Fuel company, where an explosion late Wednesday afternoon entombed 284 men.

Fire broke out at 1:30 in old No. 3 mine which connects with No. 2. It was feared that the fire would spread to the workings in which the men are entombed.

Of the 22 miners rescued alive up to 1:30 this afternoon the greater number were seriously injured. Many had been frightfully mangled by the explosion. Nearly all were stricken by the poisonous gases they had inhaled.

It was stated that the ventilating fan was not started until four hours after the explosion, and that in the meantime the gas probably had penetrated every part of the workings. Little hope was expressed by the hundreds of the rescue parties that any of the men still in the mine would be found alive. A fire which was discovered about noon in old No. 3 mine, connected with No. 2 and which, it is thought was started by the explosion, threatens to interfere with the work of the rescuers.

What is the fate of approximately 200 men remaining in the workings? This was the question on the lips of hundreds of mothers, wives and children today as they pressed the line of guards thrown about the mouth of the mine. This was the question which spurred hundreds of volunteer rescuers to almost superhuman endeavors to penetrate workings strewn with debris and filled with poisonous gas. None there was who would venture a prediction.

Clearly the hopefulness that pervaded the camp immediately following the explosion and throughout the night had given away today.

"When we reach the air shaft, we will find many men safe," was the oft-repeated hope throughout the night. Three men alive and only partly conscious, and three bodies were the reward when the air shaft was finally reached today. Mine officials still insisted that others would be found alive.

Six of the bodies brought to the surface had been identified at 11 o'clock, including two Americans. They were Arthur Engstrom, Walter Johnson, John Tenjillo, Felix Garcia, Ernest Montoya, and P. Elverson.

Most of the day shift were employed below the second level, where the shaft was blocked with debris resulting from the explosion. The belief that most of the men will be rescued alive is based on the fact that the workings of No. 2 mine are connected by a tunnel with mine No. 1, while an air shaft is said to furnish another means of exit.

Immediate relief work was undertaken by men from the night shift and neighboring mines. Appeals for aid started scores of experienced miners from Trinidad and the surrounding coal camps.

"10 o'clock last night the rescuers had penetrated more than 100 feet into the mouth of the mine and had reached five of the entombed miners who were alive. They had suffered much from the gas which was a result of the explosion, and were in a condition to tell of what happened at the time of the explosion. Immediately upon being brought to the surface the men were given into the hands of physicians, many of whom arrived here from nearby towns.

It is believed that the explosion occurred on a slope deep within the mine. From conditions which have been met by rescuers since digging within the debris it is now believed that the air supply is plentiful, as it has been found to grow better as the rescuers progress toward the heart of the shaft.

Mayor Leads Rescue Work.

Mayor E. L. Kinney, of this city, has organized a relief camp at the mine, where rescuers are being cared for and where miners as they are taken out will be given immediate medical assistance if needed. The mayor declared that it was impossible to make and conjecture concerning the possible loss of life and that none of the mine officials or rescuers on the ground would care to make any statement. He stated that the mine was so constructed as to permit of the least possible danger from such explosions.

According to mayor Kinney, no cause for the explosion has been learned, and it is believed it will not be known until

to El Paso this morning. With him was his son, Walter Douglas, general manager of the Phelps Dodge mining properties in this section.

"We can only hope for the best," said Dr. Douglas. His face was careworn. "I have only meager information of the disaster, and as sure I could not add to any that you already have." Dr. Douglas and Walter Douglas were met at the union station by H. J. Simmons, general manager of the Southwestern railway, and General Superintendent Hawks, who accompanied them on the special to Dawson.

Fourteen Known Dead.

Fourteen dead, 22 alive, was the count of life and death as it stood at 4 o'clock Thursday morning. Rescuers working all night had recovered 14 bodies from the mine before daylight this morning. Twenty-three living had also been brought to the surface—a total of 37 miners accounted for out of about 300 who went down into the mine yesterday afternoon. G. F. Hawks, general superintendent of the E. P. & S. W. railway, had received information at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Chance for Escape.

F. C. Searle, of the Dawson Fuel Sales company, in El Paso, in an official statement gave assurance there was hope that all the miners, the majority of whom are Italians, could be rescued. He said:

"Several means of escape are offered from mine No. 2 which is connected with mine No. 5 by a tunnel driven through the mountain and also connects with an air shaft driven from the top of the mountain down into the mine. This air shaft is equipped with steps and ladders, upon which the entombed men, if they are able to reach the air shaft can make their escape to the top."

Believe Men May Escape.

Local officials of the Southwestern and Stag Canyon company say that the miners who are entombed in the No. 2 mine have every chance of getting out alive unless they were caught by the falling rock and coal. The No. 2 mine is connected to the No. 5 by a tunnel which places the hogback mountain into which the mine drift. At the apex of this hogback there is an air shaft extending down to the level of the tunnel which connects these two mines. This air shaft was sunk at a point one mile north of the entrance to the No. 2 mine a number of years ago and measures 12 by 12 feet in the clear and is 250 feet deep. A fan of large capacity was installed at the top of this air shaft and forces fresh air down the air shaft and into the connecting tunnels.

Three Avenues to Escape.

This air shaft makes it possible for the men to escape in three directions. They may be able to climb out this air shaft by means of ladders on its sides; they may be rescued from the No. 5 mine by way of the tunnel, or may be reached through the entrance to the No. 2 mine itself.

Have Effective Rescue Crews.

The first aid corps and rescue crews at the Dawson mines are among the most efficient in the southwest. These crews are organized from among the miners of the various mines composing the Dawson group, and they are paid by the company to attend nightly drills and instructions by the chief surgeon and his assistants. These rescue crews are equipped with oxygen helmets, pulmotors, first aid kits and other life saving apparatus.

Foremen and Bosses Americans.

All foremen and drift bosses in the No. 2 mine are said to be Americans and there are a number of American miners at work in this mine. There are 18 nationalities represented at Dawson, the majority being Italians. There are Slavs, Bulgarians, Mexicans, Japanese, and many other north of Europe natives employed at these mines, besides the negro colony.

The Stag Canyon company has 4,000 tons of coal on hand here at the present time, which is expected to supply the local demand until the other mines can be reopened. The average daily output of the mines is given as 7,000 tons, of which the No. 2 mine produces one-fourth.

MINE NEARLY PERFECT

SAYS C. H. DODGE
New York, Oct. 28.—New York officials of the Phelps-Dodge company, when informed of the explosion in the mines at Dawson, N. M., declared the mine so nearly perfect in its construction that it was inconceivable that there could be any loss of life.

"The mine is one of the model ones of the country," declared Cleveland H. Dodge, vice president of the company, "If it was safe as engineering could

make it. None of the tunnels are more than 50 feet deep—that was the depth of the one where the explosion occurred, I believe. And they are so full of exits and ventilating shafts equipped with electric fans that we have regarded it impossible for the deadly coal gas to accumulate. Unless the men were killed by the explosion itself it is inconceivable that there can be any fatalities.

"The mine has been operating without an explosion."

J. E. SHERIDAN REFUSES TO GUESS AT CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 23.—J. E. Sheridan, until recently state mine inspector of New Mexico, today declined to hazard an opinion as to the cause of the disaster at Dawson.

"No experienced miner would hazard an opinion without inspecting the mine first," said Mr. Sheridan this morning. "As shots are fired when all of the men are out of the mine, it is evident that the explosion must have originated from fire damp and been extended by coal dust. It is not probable that there was any great accumulation of gas as the Dawson mines are among the best equipped for ventilation and safety apparatus in the world."

THINK MANY WILL BE BROUGHT FROM MINE ALIVE

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—Officials of the Pittsburg station of the bureau of mines expressed the belief this morning that many of the miners entombed in the Stag Canyon mine would be brought out alive, if they had not been killed yesterday by the shock of the explosion. Records of the bureau show there are in the Dawson mining region no less than 100 men trained in mine rescue work and their rating is among the highest west of the anthracite coal country of Pennsylvania. They are fully equipped with the necessary apparatus.

STATE MINE INSPECTOR GOES TO SCENE OF EXPLOSION

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 23.—R. H. Reddow, state mine inspector, after a hurried conference with governor McDonald, left at 9 o'clock last night for Dawson with instructions to report by wire to the governor, the cause and extent of the disaster and the necessities of the situation. No report had been received this afternoon.

LATE NEWS FROM DAWSON MINE

261 miners believed to be dead, only 23 men have been found alive.

Urged on by appeals of frantic women, relief expedition still hopes entombed men may have reached a chamber and sealed it before overcome by poisonous gases. Dr. Douglas, head of Phelps-Dodge is on scene aiding workers. DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—Two helmeted workers lost early today in the workings of Stag Canyon mine No. 2, are believed to be dead. Two others accompanying them in their efforts to locate 261 entombed men, also believed to be dead, were brought out scarcely alive.

Heroic Attempts at Rescue.

Volunteers began immediately to search for the missing rescue workers. Men conducting the relief work have been in constant fear that harm would befall the men risking their lives to save any man who yet lives within the mine.

Urged on by the appeals of the frantic women, wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the entombed men, the helmeted and unhelmeted miners are making heroic attempts to find any sign of life. Among the relief crews there is still hope that some of the men may have reached a chamber and sealed it up before overcome by the poisonous gases.

Dr. Douglas on the Scene.

Dr. James Douglas, president of the Phelps-Dodge company, owners of the Stag Canyon Fuel company, arrived here this morning in a special train from El Paso, Tex. He is accompanied by Walter Douglas, his son, who is general manager of the Phelps-Dodge interests in the southwest.—Ex.

NOTICE.

All persons having an account with the First State Bank, Tucumcari, N. M., will leave their pass book for balancing. 4-2t R. P. DONOHOO, Receiver.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our many kind friends for the sympathy and kindness shown us in our bereavement, the death of Walter Helms.

MRS. WALTER HELMS,
MR. JOSE RITZ and FAMILY.